



14th Annual ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM “Our Environment...Our Future”

DRAFT AGENDA

FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 11, 2011

- 9:00 am–3:00 pm Short Course Activities
(Information provided below)
- 5:00 pm–8:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 pm–8:00 pm Social/Mixer Meet the Exhibitors

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 12, 2011

- 7:00 am–8:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 am–12:50 pm Exhibit Hall Open
- 8:00 am–10:50 am Concurrent Sessions
- 10:50 am–11:30 am Snack Break/Exhibit Hall
- 11:30 am–1:20 pm Concurrent Sessions
- 1:20 pm–2:50 pm Lunch w/Keynote Address
- 2:50 pm Adjournment/Special Meetings

FEBRUARY 11–12, 2011

Baton Rouge Marriott
5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Hosted by:

Louisiana Environmental Education Commission
Louisiana Environmental Education Association
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

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SHORT COURSE

Optional tour & workshops are offered on Friday, February 11th for an additional fee. Pre-registration is required! Space is limited!

All Aboard to Audubon TOUR

Presenters: Monica Pasos & Tricia LeBlanc, Audubon Nature Institute

All Aboard to Audubon is a fun, activity-filled trip to 2 of Audubon's facilities. Along the way, you will get to know some of the animals that reside at the Audubon Nature Institute as well as learn new ways to make your field trips more educational. You will take home a booklet and CD that contains a variety of scavenger hunts and activities you can replicate with your students on your next school field trip. We will visit the Zoo in the morning then you will have your choice of visiting the Aquarium or the Insectarium in the afternoon. We will be outside for part of the day so dress for the weather! A hot lunch of soup and a side item will be provided but you are encouraged to bring snacks and a refillable water bottle.

Eagle Expo TOUR

Presenters: Richard DeMay & Alma Robichaux, BTNEP
Mitch Samaha, LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Join the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) on the Eagle Expo tour for your Short Course session.

Journey into Turtle Bayou to view Bald Eagles and get a glimpse of a Bald Eagle's nest. This tour will also ride through two small natural bayous that provide for fantastic views and local wildlife. Travel on a pontoon boat which is half covered. The tour will last from 9 AM to 11 AM. Van leaves the Marriott PROMPTLY at 7AM!!! For more information about eagles visit the BTNEP Web site at <http://eagles.btneep.org/>. We can only take 8 so be the first to get your registration in! *If you participated in this event last year, please do not apply so that others can take advantage of this opportunity.*

Old River Control Structure Tour

Presenters: Susan Testroet-Bergeron, CWPPRA Education Specialist
Rachel Rodi, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Take a trip to Simmesport, Louisiana to learn about how the river has built coastal Louisiana. Join members of the Coastal Wetland Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) public outreach committee to learn about the Mississippi River's dynamics, the river control structures, coastal land loss, and coastal restoration activities. Take a firsthand look at the devices that control water flow in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers while learning about human impacts, decisions, and upcoming restoration plans. This day trip may be a one time learning opportunity for many educators.

Talk About Climate Change

Presenter: Dianne Lindstedt, LSU Sea Grant

Learn the basics of climate change, carbon, sea level rise, biological effects and more. Teachers will interpret climate data and practice activities they can do with their students. Receive background resources, classroom activities, and NOAA climate change products.

Waste In Place & Nature Explore

Presenters: Melanie Peck, Keep Louisiana Beautiful
Joanne Bourgeois & Evva Wilson, Keep WBR Beautiful

This short course will provide certification training in Waste in Place and an introduction to Keep America Beautiful and the Arbor Day Foundation's Nature Explorer curriculum. Waste in Place and Nature Explore, classroom supplements build critical thinking, processing, and problem-solving skills through imaginative, hands-on lessons. Developed and field-tested by professional educators, urban planners, and waste experts, the supplements are used by thousands of teachers nationwide to influence positive behavior, foster social responsibility and respect for the environment, and enrich the learning experience. These educational resources provide hands-on options for Louisiana youth to understand waste issues and how to manage them, as well as the opportunity to connect with and learn from their immediate environment. Participants will receive both a WIP curriculum book and a Nature Explore kit to implement in their classrooms.

Water Quality Testing for the Field & Classroom

Presenter: Al Hindrichs, Department of Environmental Quality

This short-course will provide teachers with the training and equipment* needed to create a Louisiana Citizens' Water Quality Network (LCWQN) team at their school. Testing will consist of accurate and simple test procedures for dissolved oxygen, total coliform, temperature, pH, and turbidity. Training will include basic water quality, detailed instruction on use of sampling equipment, and interpretation of results. Participating LCWQN groups will transfer data to LDEQ's LCWQN web page for public dissemination and recognition of the organization collecting the data.

*Sufficient supplies will be provided to conduct testing for one year on a quarterly basis, if funding can be secured

Grade Levels: K – 12

Meet at BR Marriott Hotel Lobby

\$20; lunch & transportation provided

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Meet at BR Marriott Hotel Lobby

Free; lunch & transportation provided

7:00 am – 2:30 pm

Grade Levels: 5 – 12

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Grade Levels: 5 – 8

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\$10; lunch provided

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Grade Levels: K – 6

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\$10; lunch provided

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Grade Levels: 7 – 12

Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

\$10; lunch provided

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Marriott Hotel: 1-225-924-5000 – \$99 plus tax per night, single or double occupancy. Deadline for conference rate reservations is January 21, 2011. Contact the Marriott directly & reference the 2011 EE Symposium.

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